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**PATENT**  
5181-69900/P5195

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventors:  
Slaughter, et al.

Title: MESSAGE-BASED  
LEASING OF  
RESOURCES IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 5, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.